

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) An IP telephone apparatus connected to a personal computer connected to a computer network, and having a plurality of types of calling functions including a telephone calling function for telecommunicating via a telephone network and a network calling function for telecommunicating via a computer network, the IP telephone apparatus comprising:

the IP telephone apparatus is connected to the personal computer that is connected to the computer network,

a calling function detection unit configured to detect which calling function of the telephone calling function and the network calling function is selected; and

a calling function notification unit that notifies a user that at least one of general telephone using the telephone calling function and network telephone using the network calling function is being in operation according to a detection result of the calling function detection unit.

2. (Original) The IP telephone apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein, when a calling request is being made, the calling function detection unit detects which calling function is selected on the basis of the presence or absence of a selection command for selecting the network calling function; and

when an incoming call is made, the calling function detection unit detects which calling function is selected on the basis of the presence or absence of an access signal from the computer network.

3. (Original) The IP telephone apparatus as claimed in claim 1,

wherein the calling function notification unit notifies the user that at least one of the general telephone and the network telephone is being in operation by display.

4. (Original) The IP telephone apparatus as claimed in claim 1,
wherein the calling function notification unit notifies the user that at least one of the general telephone and the network telephone is being in operation by sound.

5. (Original) The IP telephone apparatus as claimed in claim 1,
wherein the calling function notification unit has a plurality of different notification manners;
the calling function notification unit uses one of the plurality of different notification manners when a calling request is being made; and
the calling function notification unit uses the other of the plurality of different notification manners when a telephone conversation is being conducted.

6. (Original) The IP telephone apparatus as claimed in claim 1,
wherein the calling function notification unit includes a first display unit and a second display unit;
the first display unit notifies the user that the network telephone is being in operation; and
the second display unit notifies the user that the general telephone is being operation.

7. (Original) The IP telephone apparatus as claimed in claim 6,
wherein the first and second display units are implemented as a common liquid crystal display having backlights;
the first display unit drives one of the backlights to emit light in a first lighting color; and

the second display unit drives the other of the backlights to emit light in a second lighting color.

8. (Original) The IP telephone apparatus as claimed in claim 1, further comprising:

a slave; and

a main unit including a slave connection unit connected to the slave;

wherein

the calling function detection unit notifies the slave that one of the general telephone and the network telephone is being in operation through the slave connection unit.

9. (Original) The IP telephone apparatus as claimed in claim 8, wherein the slave includes a third display unit and a fourth display unit; the third display unit notifies the user that the network telephone is being in operation; and

the fourth display unit notifies the user that the general telephone is being in operation.

10. (Original) The IP telephone apparatus as claimed in claim 9, wherein the third and fourth display units are implemented as a common liquid crystal display having backlights;

the third display unit drives one of the backlights to emit light in a third lighting color; and

the fourth display unit drives the other of the backlights to emit light in a fourth lighting color.

11. (Original) The IP telephone apparatus as claimed in claim 8, wherein the calling function notification unit notifies both the main unit and the slave.

12. (Original) The IP telephone apparatus as claimed in claim 8,

wherein, when one of the main unit and the slave is being operated with one of the general telephone and the network telephone, the other of the main unit and the slave can be operated with the other of the general telephone and the network telephone.

13. (Currently Amended) An IP telephone system comprising:

an IP telephone apparatus connected to a personal computer connected to a computer network, and having a plurality of types of calling functions including a telephone calling function for telecommunicating via a telephone network and a network calling function for telecommunicating via a computer network; and

a computer connected between the IP telephone apparatus and the computer network;

wherein the IP telephone apparatus is connected to the personal computer that is connected to the computer network,

wherein the IP telephone apparatus includes:

a calling function detection unit configured to detect which calling function of the telephone calling function and the network calling function is selected; and

a calling function notification unit that notifies a user that at least one of general telephone using the telephone calling function and network telephone using the network calling function is being in operation according to a detection result of the calling function detection unit.

14. (Original) The IP telephone system as claimed in claim 13,

wherein, when a calling request is being made, the calling function detection unit detects which calling function is selected on the basis of the presence or absence of a selection command for selecting the network calling function; and

when an incoming call is made, the calling function detection unit detects which calling function is selected on the basis of the presence or absence of an access signal from the computer network.

15. (Original) The IP telephone system as claimed in claim 13,
wherein the calling function notification unit notifies the user that at least one of the general telephone and the network telephone is being in operation by display.

16. (Original) The IP telephone system as claimed in claim 13,
wherein the calling function notification unit notifies the user that at least one of the general telephone and the network telephone is being in operation by sound.

17. (Original) The IP telephone system as claimed in claim 13,
wherein the calling function notification unit has a plurality of different notification manners;
the calling function notification unit uses one of the plurality of different notification manners when a calling request is being made; and
the calling function notification unit uses the other of the plurality of different notification manners when a telephone conversation is being conducted.

18. (Original) The IP telephone system as claimed in claim 13,
wherein the calling function notification unit includes a first display unit and a second display unit;
the first display unit notifies the user that the network telephone is being in operation; and
the second display unit notifies the user that the general telephone is being operation.

19. (Currently Amended) A method of operating an IP telephone apparatus
connected to a personal computer connected to a computer network, and having a plurality of

types of calling functions including a telephone calling function for telecommunicating via a telephone network and a network calling function for telecommunicating via a computer network, the method comprising:

the IP telephone apparatus is connected to the personal computer that is connected to the computer network,

detecting which calling function of the telephone calling function and the network calling function is selected; and

notifying a user that at least one of general telephone using the telephone calling function and network telephone using the network calling function is being in operation according to a result of the detecting step.

20. (New) The IP telephone apparatus as claimed in claim 1, having a personal computer with a universal serial bus,

wherein the IP telephone apparatus is connected to the personal computer via the universal serial bus.

21. (New) The IP telephone apparatus as claimed in claim 1, a computer network access signal, and a personal computer control signal,

wherein when the personal computer receives the access signal from the computer network the IP telephone apparatus is notified via the personal computer control signal.

22. (New) The IP telephone apparatus as claimed in claim 21, having a computer program for telephony,

wherein the computer program generates the personal computer control signal.

23. (New) The IP telephone apparatus as claimed in claim 13, having a computer program for telephony,

wherein, the IP telephone apparatus is connected via the computer program for telephony that is installed in the personal computer.

24. (New) The IP telephone apparatus as claimed in claim 23, having a control signal,

wherein, the computer program generates a control signal sent to the IP telephone apparatus.